



## COEUR D'ALENE TRIBE

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Mr. Thomas E. Moss, U.S. Attorney  
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Washington Group Plaza IV  
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Dear Mr. Moss:

On behalf of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe (Tribe), I am pleased to announce that we will be participating in the Native American Issues Subcommittee, a subcommittee of the Attorney General's Advisory Committee, at the Coeur d'Alene Resort on October 12, 2005. The Tribe has learned that the focus of the meeting will be to discuss the prevalence and use of methamphetamine within Indian Country. **As you know**, the most recent National Drug Threat Assessment (Assessment) issued by the National Drug Intelligence Center in April of **2004**, listed methamphetamine **as** probably the highest increased drug threat nationally. Methamphetamine is a direct factor in many violent crimes that is taxing **our** finite amount of tribal law enforcement resources.

The methamphetamine epidemic is an extremely complicated and multi-faceted problem that continues to draw resources from many tribal programs to assist in stemming its affect upon our community. The methamphetamine epidemic is not simply a law enforcement issue. The Tribe is also faced with providing social and health services to those that are affected by use of the narcotic because it contributes to numerous psychological and medical disorders.

The Tribe **also** has to implement environmental mitigation of areas where the methamphetamine is manufactured. The process of manufacture of the narcotic produces a by-product that is extremely toxic and harmful to human health. The Tribe is prepared **to** provide some more specific information related to the Tribe's response to the methamphetamine epidemic so that dialogue can be ignited on how we **can best** approach a solution to the current problem. Should you require additional information please contact the legislative director, Quanah Spencer, by phone at **(208) 686-0803** or e-mail [qspencer@cdatribe-nsn.gov](mailto:qspencer@cdatribe-nsn.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chief J. Allan".

Chief J. Allan, Chairman  
Coeur d'Alene Tribe

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